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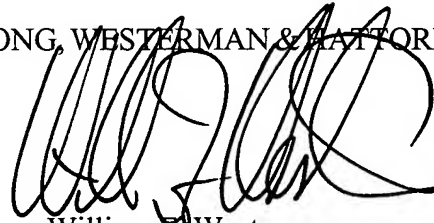
The above amendment is submitted to place the claims in substantially the same condition as to the claims which have been amended under Article 34 in the international application. An English translation of the annexes of the PCT international preliminary examination report is enclosed. Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A sound reproducing apparatus, comprising:

[an attaching] a recording means for [detachably attaching] recording into a recording medium [on] a data file in which a sound signal encoded in a first format and a first decoding program according to said first format are [recorded] stored;

a storing means for storing a second decoding program according to a second format;

a determining means for determining whether or not [said first] a format [and] agrees between said sound signal and said second [format are coincident each other] decoding program;

a validating means for validating one of said first decoding program and said second decoding program on the basis of a determination result of said determining means;

a decoding means for decoding said sound signal by the decoding program validated by said validating means; and

an outputting means for outputting the decoded sound signal decoded by said decoding means.

5. (Amended) A sound reproducing apparatus, comprising:

[an attaching] a recording means for [detachably attaching] recording into a recording medium a data file [on] in which a sound signal encoded in a predetermined format and a decoding program according to said predetermined format are [recorded] stored;

a loading means for loading said decoding program from said recording medium;

a decoding means for decoding said sound signal by said decoding program loaded by said loading means; and

an outputting means for outputting a decoded sound signal decoded by said decoding means.

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